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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.

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This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on 300:7cc. This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire this (3) month(s), 7 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. 2. Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-848.
3. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449 4. Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152
5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474 6.

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. Claims 2-17 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. Claims 1 have been cancelled.

3. Claims 2-10 are allowed.

4. Claims 11-17 are rejected.

5. Claims _____ are objected to.

6. Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes until such time as allowable subject matter is indicated.

8. Allowable subject matter having been indicated, formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. These drawings are: acceptable;
 not acceptable (see explanation).

10. The proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____ has (have) been approved by the examiner. disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been approved. disapproved (see explanation). However, the Patent and Trademark Office no longer makes drawing changes. It is now applicant's responsibility to ensure that the drawings are corrected. Corrections MUST be effected in accordance with the instructions set forth on the attached letter "INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES", PTO-1474.

12. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.

13. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. Other

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DETAILED ACTION

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: In the replacement paragraph to page 1, line 19, last paragraph therein, note that "fig. 97" is vague in meaning. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 12, should the claim properly depend from claim --11-- instead of claim "2"?

The following claims have been found objectionable for reasons set forth below:

In claim 11, last paragraph, note that a --,-- should follow "mode" for grammatical correctness.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Toyoshima (of record) for reasons of record.

Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toyoshima in view of Buck et al (both of record) for reasons of record.

Applicant's arguments filed 30 October 2001 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Applicants' have argued that the Toyoshima package eliminates waveguide modes but does not disclose elimination of an unwanted higher order mode.

Contrary to applicants' assertion, the Toyoshima reference does indeed function to eliminate higher order modes. It should be noted that waveguide modes within microwave packages are undesirable modes, and certainly are of a higher order due to their undesirability. Thus Toyoshima does indeed meet the claimed invention, as recited.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benny Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308 4902.

B. Lee

February 22, 2002


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